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Editor's note: We at the Sierra Club cannot send out this issue of the Insider without first acknowledging the horrific events of this past Sunday in Las Vegas. At this writing 58 people are known dead and more than 500 injured—innocent victims of a senseless shooting spree that targeted an outdoor music festival. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families, and their loved ones.

Puerto Rico Is Devastated: Please Help.

Hurricane Maria left most of Puerto Rico without power. Families are hauling water from government tankers to their homes in buckets and plastic trash cans. Few hospitals are operational, and doctors have dwindling medical supplies. The Sierra Club is working with community-based partners, including our Puerto Rico Chapter, in our emergency relief efforts. But the situation remains desperate, and the people of Puerto Rico need your help now. One hundred percent of funds donated will go directly to community-led recovery efforts in areas affected by the worst storm to hit Puerto Rico in 80 years.



[Please make a gift to the Sierra Club's emergency Hurricane Maria relief efforts now.](#)

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The Shameful Silence of Donald Trump

Despite shocking reports about the devastation in Puerto Rico, President Trump remained silent for days about the worst U.S. humanitarian crisis since Hurricane Katrina inundated New Orleans. Instead, the president spent an entire weekend obsessing over whether NFL football players should stand or kneel during the national anthem.

[Read Sierra Club executive director Michael Brune's post about how Trump's administration is failing Puerto Rico and what we must do to help the island not just recover but thrive.](#)

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Puerto Ricans Face Uneasy Future After Maria

Most of Puerto Rico's 3.5 million residents could be without electricity for months. As the Puerto Ricans face an uncertain future, questions remain about a mountain of coal ash at a landfill in Guayama. *Sierra* magazine's Wendy Becktold spoke with Sierra Club environmental justice organizer and San Juan resident Adriana Gonzalez about [what's at stake for the island](#).

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Join Our Hurricane October

Harvey, Irma, states, Puerto month. Sierra money to efforts, and we Team Sierra on October 10, help hurricane



[you need to make your fundraiser a success.](#)

Recovery Day of Action on 10

Three powerful, cataclysmic hurricanes—and Maria—have slammed southeastern Rico, and the Virgin Islands in the past Club members and supporters have raised directly support the community-led recovery want to keep the momentum going. Start a fundraiser and rally your friends and family our Hurricane Recovery Day of Action, to survivors.

[Sign up now, and we'll give you all the tools](#)

Flyover of Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria September 23, 2017 | Photo courtesy Kris Grogan/U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Congress Must Act Now to Aid Puerto Rico

The humanitarian disaster in Puerto Rico has affected 3.5 million Americans. It will take years to rebuild the island. It's not just the physical devastation that will need attention. Rebuilding will also require sustainably overcoming the environmental injustices that made Maria's devastation even more catastrophic to those who were the most vulnerable. The situation is dire, and it demands the full support of the U.S. government. Yet Congress is stalling on helping their fellow Americans in need.



[Urge Congress to aid their fellow Americans by passing a special relief package for Puerto Rico.](#)

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Terminal Case for Northwest Coal Exports

Grassroots leaders scored a major victory for public health and the climate last week when the last surviving coal export terminal proposed to be built in the Pacific Northwest was denied a permit by the state, sealing the project's demise. "If you needed a reminder that people power can defeat deep-pocketed polluters, have I got a story for you," writes Mary Anne Hitt, director of the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign.

[Read on.](#)



Defend the Clean Power Plan

The Trump administration will soon announce its plans to dismantle the Clean Power Plan—the strongest climate action our nation has taken to limit carbon pollution from coal-fired power plants. Repealing the Clean Power Plan would be a double whammy for our communities: It would result in increased rates of respiratory illness and premature death while also worsening climate change.

[This is the bidding of big corporations and polluters, putting their profits before the health and safety of our families. Speak up now to defend the Clean Power Plan.](#)



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Bay Salmon in Jeopardy

Alaska's Bristol Bay is a place of stunning and abundant wildlife, including thriving sockeye runs. After meeting with a mining EPA administrator Scott Pruitt announced to allow copper and gold mining near these completely reversing near-final protections the EPA during the Obama administration. [Tell the EPA that the science—its own already spoken. The potentially injurious Pebble Mine must not become a reality.](#)

ENJOY

Six Wildlife Webcams for Autumn

Autumn is finally here. You might be trading your beach balls for boots, but nature's action doesn't have an off-season. Here are six action-packed webcams that will transform your computer screen into a window onto breathtaking landscapes.

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Oil Drilling— Coming

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to a National Park or Monument Near You?

Conservation groups and some former Service officials are on high alert on account administration's rush toward "energy. As *Sierra* magazine editor in chief Jason [the administration's promise to increase oil, extraction on federal lands threatens dozens sites across the country.](#)

Toxic Tuna

A new study looked at the persistent organic pollutants in yellowfin tuna worldwide, and the results are not appetizing: Chemicals in tuna are widespread, [according to the report](#).

Photo courtesy of Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Thursday Deadline: Fight for Strong Tailpipe

by the Obama administration more efficient than the previous administration. The auto industry is innovating, and auto workers are assembling vehicles that consumers want to buy. Yet the Trump administration is opening a review of the fuel-economy standards—which nearly double fuel efficiency—in hopes of rigging the system in favor of corporate polluters and automakers at the expense of public health and our climate.



Standards

Thanks to strong fuel-economy standards set by the Obama administration, cars and trucks are more fuel-efficient than ever. Consumers are saving money at the pump, the auto industry is innovating, and auto workers are assembling vehicles that consumers want to buy. Yet the Trump administration is opening a review of the fuel-economy standards—which nearly double fuel efficiency—in hopes of rigging the system in favor of corporate polluters and automakers at the expense of public health and our climate.

[Tell the EPA before the comment period closes on October 5 that you support a future with more-fuel-efficient cars.](#)

PROTECT Stop the Sneak Attack on the Arctic Refuge

How do you get away with drilling in one of the last truly pristine and unspoiled wilderness areas in the United States? By burying your scheme deep in the fine print of your budget plan. And that's exactly what President Trump is trying to do with his 2018 budget. The plan currently before Congress includes a provision to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil and gas drilling.



[Tell Congress to reject this destructive budget and protect the Arctic Refuge.](#)

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